

Annexation.

The "Manifest Destiny" dogma of the neighbouring Republic answers admirably to round off a Fourth of July oration or to spice tap-room bluster; but we are led to believe that few thoughtful men have any real faith in the wild idea that all the peoples on this continent will yet nestle under the wings of the American Eagle. How much farther south the boundaries of the Great Republic may extend is a question which the people of the United States will, in all probability, have to decide for themselves. There would, indeed, appear to be no reason to question the ability of a powerful nation like the United States to push Southward even to Cape Horn; but it becomes matter for serious consideration whether, in doing so, it might not, to use a phrase rather less elegant than expressive, "come out at the small end of the horn." There is now discernible on the surface of American politics a growing disposition to think before jumping into new territory, to philosophically weigh the advantages and disadvantages. We have seen a recent illustration of this in the San Domingo affair. We see it in the more rational spirit with which the larger question of the absorption of British North America is now approached. The people of the United States are evidently becoming more thoughtful as they grow older, and the Eagle seems less disposed to play the role of the fabled frog which, in an unfortunate fit of ambition, made a disastrous attempt to attain the enlarged dimensions of the ox—John Bull. It is not long since American politicians talked tall and glib about gobbling up the whole of British North America. Now, however, we find the more thoughtful of them significantly silent on the subject, while others openly question the policy of such an acquisition, even if they could get it. Thus we find an American contemporary saying, "We scarcely know whether any party in the United States would be willing to take the responsibility of annexing Canada, even if annexation could be consummated at once," and the following reasons, suggested by the London Economist, are adopted by our Republican contemporaries as a ground for the doubt expressed: "Canada would make ten States, and the political leaders would probably consider the election of their own man to the Presidency more advantageous than the addition to the ranks of the electors of vast numbers of new Canadian electors with unknown sympathies, able favorites and a tendency to make geographical rather than party alliances." Of course we find numbers of the American Press still adhering to the old wild doctrine of "Manifest Destiny," still blustering about the absorption of the Dominion. But it may be remarked that these are not the most influential members of the Press. They are rather the Territorial bantlings who try to crow as the great American cock used to crow. It will be quite safe to conclude that if ever British North America becomes a part of the Great Republic it will be by a voluntary act of its own. Nor can the careful student of passing events discover anything to encourage the belief that there is a tendency in that direction. There are those who profess to see in Confederation the first step towards a complete agglomeration of all the Anglo-Saxon peoples of this continent. The independence of the Dominion they regard as the second step. It is difficult not to discover in Confederation a step in precisely the opposite direction. Had the various British possessions in North America, scattering across the continent from ocean to ocean, been left in their isolation, it would not have been at all unreasonable that, as separate states, they might have been attracted towards the greater body; but with all these cemented into one great whole, an empire with all the material necessary for expansion into a great and powerful nation, imbued with a heart to feel and ambition to aspire to national glory, the probability of encountering such a fate entirely disappears. The motive is removed. As a nation, the Dominion may study the institutions of her powerful neighbor, and profit by the study; but she has nothing left to covet. She cannot wish for more liberty, for she has enough. She cannot desire more territory; for what she has will suffice to make her the Greater Britain of America. In geographical advantages and in natural resources she may, indeed, excite the jealousy of her neighbor. Nature has been singularly kind to her. The true North West Passage is hers. With a monopoly of coal stores on both oceans, she will compel commerce and industry to kneel to her. With a water and canal system unparalleled, she will even compel her neighbor to pay tribute to her. This talk about absorption, or even annexation had better cease. There is plenty of territory, abundant material for two great Anglo-Saxon nations in North America; and it would, indeed, be a sad commentary upon our race to assert that these two nations cannot exist in amicable relationship and noble rivalry side by side—go forward like twin-brothers in the great work of human progress. But if not, if we must forever have absorption or annexation dinned in our ears, it will become a legitimate question for consideration whether or not the tables may be turned—whether the Dominion of Canada, with her superior political organization and transcendental natural advantages and resources, may not yet become the absorber, the United States the absorbed. In what respect has the latter the start of the former now? In population only. A thorough national colonization policy, to which Great Britain is fast awaking, must awake, would give Canada in a single decade a larger and more homogeneous population than the United States can boast of today.

A. GILMORE, MERCHANT TAILOR, and General Outfitter, has removed his place of business to the store adjoining the Colonial Hotel and opposite the Colonial Office, on Government Street, fourth door from Yates, where he proposes to give his old friends and new customers a chance on the principle of quick sales and small profits.

Now is the Time.—The great rise in the value of greenback currency which is sure to follow the new Funding Act must make a present investment in North Pacific Railroad Bonds most profitable, even as a mere temporary employment of capital.

Decidedly Busy.—The rush of people to Noltemier's Boot and Shoe Store, adjoining the St Nicholas Hotel, is unprecedented, and the cry is—"Still they come." The goods were sold lower than ever before, and the closing out sale will be continued this week at a still greater reduction.

MILLINERY.—By last steamer a first class milliner arrived from Europe for the London House.

New Advertisements.

A CARD.

TO CAPTAIN JOHN DEVEREAUX,
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PASSENGERS on board the steamer Drappier, hereby tender you our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your gentlemanly conduct and kindness to us while on our way from Victoria to the mouth of Skeena River, and also for the skill displayed by you on this your first trip among the numerous channels of the Northwest Coast. It is also the wish of the undersigned that the two Victoria papers be requested to publish the above.

G. C. KEAYS, R. Borthwick, J. S. Wilder, Peter Stevens, E. W. McLaughlin, John Mitchell, John Kennedy, Robert McKean, J. E. Stevens, J. W. Shiran, D. Humphreys, A. S. Leighton, M. B. Heywood, Jas. Johnson, W. M. L. Martens, Thomas Jones, J. S. Martin, Wm. McEwen.
John Ford, J. Hawks, Wm. Trindle, Chas. Neils, John Carragher, D. Jackson, John Kennedy, Henry Handie, Samuel Wilkinson, J. W. Shiran, David Overton, Brian Smith, Samuel Waddington, K. McDonald, Wm. Los, Samuel McCawley, M. Carthey.

Municipal Court of Revision.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Court of Revision will hold its final sitting on Wednesday the 26th inst. at 11 o'clock a.m. Applicants must appear in person. By order, WM. T. LEIGH, JR., Clerk of the Court.

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Consignee Notice—Dispatch Line. BRIG. I. P. FOSTER, CAPT. MILLS, will commence discharging at the Hudson Bay Co's Wharf this morning.

Consignees are requested to call at the office of the undersigned, pay freight and receive orders for their goods.

All goods left on the wharf after 5 p.m. of each day will be stored at the risk and expense of the owners. G. T. MILLARD, ap19

LECTURE. THE REV. W. MOHLEY PUNSHON, M. A., (of London, England.)

Will deliver his celebrated Lecture on "Daniel in Babylon" ON MONDAY EVENING NEXT, APRIL 24TH.

In the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Pandora street. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock. Lecture to commence at 8. Tickets 75 cents; to be obtained at the book stores and at the door.

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A BALL WILL BE GIVEN ON 1st May, 1871, at the Alhambra Hall, by the members and patrons of the above academy. A first-class band will be in attendance, under the leadership of Bandmaster Haynes.

Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock. TICKETS admitting a Gentleman and Ladies £1 50. Can be had of any of the members of the Academy. ap19 THOS. THOROLD, Sec'y.

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PORTER—Byrns, in pints and quarts. Bridges & Sons, in pints and quarts.

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ANGOSTURA BITTERS, Cherry Cordial, Curaçou. LANDSBERGER & CO'S Cal. Wines.

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J. WRIGGLEWORTH, HAS RE-OPENED the Saloon on Government Street, two doors from the Post Office, formerly occupied by the late Mr McKay. On hand, only the best brands of WINES AND LIQUORS.

New Advertisements.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RACES!

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF His Excellency the Governor, CAPT. HERBERT, R. N.

And the Officers of H. M. Fleet.

THE ANNUAL RACES WILL TAKE place on Beacon Hill, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th, 1871,

Commencing at 1 o'clock, Sharp.

COMMITTEES, Capt. Mier, R. N., Lieut. Tucker, R. N., Lieut. Woods, R. N., Lieut. Diggle, R. N., Capt. Delacombe, R. M. L. I., Hon. P. J. Harkin, Esq., W. H. McEwen, Esq., C. F. Cornwall, Esq., J. P. Tunstall, Esq., H. Nathan, Jr., Esq., J. F. Barreche, Esq., J. R. Stewart, Esq., D. W. Higgins, Esq., J. D. Robertson, Esq., T. H. Long, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, M. W. T. Drake, Esq., M. T. Johnston, Esq., Chas. Harris, Esq., A. R. Robertson, Esq., Jas. Trimble, Esq., J. H. Graham, Esq., J. D. Elliott, Esq., W. H. McEwen, Esq., James Lowe, Esq., M. W. T. Drake, Esq., R. E. Jackson, Esq., J. F. Barreche, Esq., A. Hunter, Esq., James Anderson, Esq., A. Musgrave, Jr., Esq., J. S. Sparks, Esq., R. N., J. S. Sparks, Esq., R. N.

STEWARDS, Hon. P. J. Harkin, Esq., A. Musgrave, Jr., Esq., J. D. Robertson, Esq., J. S. Sparks, Esq., R. N., J. S. Sparks, Esq., R. N., J. S. Sparks, Esq., R. N.

1. Trial Stakes of \$50 each with \$50 added, for horses that have been used as hacks or in harness. Winners since 1869 of \$50 once 7th, twice or \$100 12th extra. 11 stone, 1 mile.

2. Queen's Plate, a free handicap of \$200 added to a sweepstakes of \$50 each. 2 miles. Greyhound 1st 7th, Lucy 1st, Volence 1st 7th, Boston Colt 1st, Royal Cherley 1st, Butcher Boy 1st, Admiral 1st 7th, Royal Bill 1st 7th, Champagne 1st 7th, Deerfoot 1st 7th, Kitty Clyde 1st 7th, White Stockings 1st, Dutchman 1st, Governor 1st, M. Lucy 1st 7th, Case 1st 7th, G. G. 1st 7th, Lizz 1st, G. G. 1st 7th.

3. Hurdle Race of \$10 each with \$15 added. Winners of any hurdle race since 1869 to carry 12th extra. 11st. Hurdle race, 2 in 3, over 4 flights of hurdles each heat.

4. Navy Plate of \$50 added to a sweepstakes of \$5 each. 12st. 1 mile. To be ridden by officers in H. M. Navy.

5. Blue Jacket Plate of \$25, with \$1 entrance to go to the second horse. To be ridden by seamen or marines of the Royal Navy. Catch weights. 1 mile. Entrance to be made on the course.

6. Security Stakes of \$1 each with \$25 added. Weight 9 lb. One mile. Entrance to be made on the course. Winners of the day excluded.

Three horses belonging to different owners to start for each race or the public money will not be added. Owners of horses intended to run for the Queen's Plate, not named, can have their handicaps put application in writing to the Hon Sec any time before May 10th, upon which day the names to the Queen's Plate will be taken at 4 o'clock in the afternoon by the Secretary.

All disputes to be settled by the Stewards or whom they may appoint. Bays for entries, letting booths, etc, will appear in a future advertisement.

No horse will be entitled to the stakes, although a winner, unless he has been on the island previous to the 21st day of April, 1871.

Mr George Richardson is authorized by the Committee to collect subscriptions for the Race Fund.

By order, R. S. BYRN, Hon. Sec.

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Cash Advances made on Consignments, Reference at San Francisco—Pickett & Harrison, 326 Front Street.

NOTICE. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT ALL

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Amateur Athletic Sports TO BE HELD AT THE CRICKET Ground, on the Esplanade Road, on MONDAY, 1st of MAY.

The following is the programme of events:— 1. 100 yards flat. 2. Blue Jackets and Marines, 200 yards. 3. Putting the Shot, (24 lbs). 4. Quarter mile flat. 5. High Jump. 6. Boys, under 16, 500 yards. 7. 220 yards flat. 8. Long jump. 9. Mile flat race. 10. Throwing the hammer. 11. Blue Jackets and Marines—1/2 mile hurdle race. 12. 200 yards hurdle race, 10 flights. 13. 3 legged race. 14. 1/2 mile hurdle race.

ENTRIES to be made to MR. ROWE, Store St., or on board H. M. S. SCYLLA on or before Monday 24th inst. No money prizes will be given. Entrance for each race, 50 cts. apl

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For freight or passage apply to COGHILL & HARRISON, 318 Front street, San Francisco Or to C T MILLARD, Agent, Wharf street, Victoria.

FOR SKEENA. THE H. B. CO'S, STEAMER OTTER, Will sail for Skeena on or about Tuesday next.

FOR MOUTH OF Skeena River. THE STEAMER GRAPPLER! DEVEREAUX, Master.

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WEEK TO OLYMPIA 23 FOR YALE AND INTERMEDIATE LANDINGS ON FRASER RIVER.

STEAMER HOPE. Will leave NEW WESTMINSTER on Wednesdays and Saturdays, until further notice. N. B.—The above steamer will not be responsible for cargo of liquids shipped in tins or glass.

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NEWS! NEWS!

The "British Colonist" is the only Newspaper published at Victoria that receives the Latest Telegraphic Dispatches, as a comparison will prove. Late Telegrams appearing in any other paper are copied without credit 24 hours after they have appeared in the British Colonist. The circulation of the British Colonist being greater than that of any other Paper, it offers the best medium to Advertisers.

Court of Revision.

This Court met at 11 o'clock a.m. yesterday. Kenneth McKenzie, A. O. Elliott and W. J. Macdonald, Esqrs, were present. Minutes of the meetings of the 4th and 12th inst. read and adopted.

Mr Elliott called attention of the Court to the fact that at the last sitting Councillor J. W. Carey, representing the City Council, indulged in language which in any other Court would have been summarily dealt with. Personally he did not care, considering the source from which the remarks emanated—but public decency demanded that the Council be informed of the conduct of their representative.

Mr McKenzie (chairman) quite agreed with the remarks of Mr Elliott.

The Clerk was instructed to request the Municipal Council not to appoint Mr Carey to represent it before the Court in future.

In the case of the Spring Ridge Water Works Company, the Court decided in favor of the company.

The following cases of appeal against real estate tax were also disposed of: H. Woolton, T. Moody, W. F. Ruxton per Dr. Helmecken, Dr. Helmecken, Charles K. Smith per H. Dickson, estates of J. M. Reid, Bank of British North America, J. J. Southgate per H. A. Tuxo, H. A. Tuxo.

The Court then adjourned till Wednesday next at 11 a.m.

NEW WESTMINSTER ITEMS.

The *Guardian* advocates putting the Burrard Inlet guard in a thorough state of repair, intimating that a contrary condition may have occasioned the terrible accident which resulted in the death of Dr. Black. The Rev W. Morley Panahon lectured to a large audience in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. The lecturer was enthusiastically applauded, and the local paper says he did no discredit to his high reputation as the world-renowned orator. The rifle shooting on Saturday was very good. Gunner Odin carried off both prizes. The Scott prize was won with 61 points and the Black medal with 57 points. The subscription to the late Dr. Black's monument is progressing favorably. The Lulu is loading at Moody's mills and the Columbia is loading at Hastings mills. The weather is spring-like and highly favorable to agricultural interests. The steamer Lillooet was to have been launched from the yards yesterday. J. T. Scott's new season is nearly completed. The steamer Onward sailed for Yale yesterday morning with a full freight and a large number of passengers. Amongst the passengers were the Rev W. M. Fushon and party.

Cowichan Politics.

By letter from Cowichan we learn that the member for Victoria District is writing to all the prominent men in the country district, advising them to stand for the local Parliament. As only two members can be returned, it will readily be seen that his object in writing to a dozen or more persons is to flatter them and so secure their votes and influence for himself. The transparent trick was exposed by one of the fortunate (?) recipients of a flattering epistle calling upon his friends to ask their opinion as to the propriety of his following "our member's" advice, when it came out that the other three had also received letters from the same statesman advising them to stand! Inquiry through the district has unearthed eleven other notes of the same character addressed to other settlers! Of course, the indignation of the parties thus attempted to be coaxed is very great; but the dodge is so transparent and so like the man, that its exposure has caused much amusement in this city.

The Skeena Route.

The following extracts from a private letter received by a gentleman in this city, under date Skeena-mouth, April 11th, 1871: "You will see I am still here. The ice is not out of the river yet. Hankin who went by the Naas river to the forks of Skeena, returned down the Skeena a few days ago, and says he hauled his canoe over one hundred miles of ice. At the forks there were three feet of snow, and thirty-five miles from here, two feet. Capt. Moore and about one hundred men were camped on the ice. Moore came down a day or two after Hankin, for supplies. He has about thirty men that he is loading to the forks. His horses are on shore, in two feet of snow; his hay is all but gone, and he has only 30 sacks of grain. I cannot see how he can save them, or, at any rate, have them in fit state to work when they get up."

Court of Revision.

The Municipal Court of Revision yesterday decided not to allow Councillor Carey to represent the City Council before them. The reason for this decision is fully explained in the report of yesterday's proceedings; but it appears that the offence committed before the Court was aggravated by the insertion in a paper (the editorial columns of which, it is suspected, Carey has too frequent access) of an offensively worded and incorrect report of the proceedings before the Revisors on the 19th inst. Upon a member of the Court applying for the name of the author that of Councillor Carey was given up and an apology published on the following day. The final sitting of the Court will take place on Wednesday next.

The Oolachans are coming!

This delicious little fish made their first appearance for the season in Fraser River yesterday morning, and the Indians were commencing to "take" them in. The Oolachan season is a harvest for Indians and seagulls—and even whites do not object.

The Brig L. P. Foster's cargo

was being discharged yesterday. The brig will go to Newcastle Island and load there with stone for the Mint building at San Francisco.

THE ROAD STEAMERS AT YALE.—A sojourner at Yale, writing on the 17th inst., says: "One of the road steamers has arrived here and with it six Scotchmen from the Highlands—young, keen-eyed, intelligent engineers. They are busily employed in giving shape to this mighty road horse. Those who see it now have some idea of its great propelling power, and there is no doubt of its success. It will be a surprise, in fact a thing to astonish the natives and the white population, this iron horse rolling steadily over the road in the wilderness on its way to the land of gold."

Mr Punshon at New Westminster.

The Rev W. M. Punshon, M.A., delivered a lecture at New Westminster on Tuesday evening, subject, "Daniel in Babylon." The lecture was delivered in the Rids Drill Hall, a very large building, and we were told it was well filled. William Clark, Esq., occupied the chair, and we learn from gentlemen who were present that the lecture far exceeded the most extravagant expectations that had been formed. A gentleman who heard both lectures says that Punshon on Daniel is even superior to Punshon on Macaulay.

The incendiary case.

E. W. Smith underwent a second examination yesterday on a charge of setting fire to a dwelling on Gordon street. No further evidence was elicited for the prosecution, but three or four witnesses were examined on the part of the prisoner in order to prove an alibi, which failed. The most favorable witness testified that the prisoner was working on the Tiger engine ten minutes after the fire-bell rang. The case was postponed two days.

Official Morality in the United States

will not appear to rank particularly high. A leading American paper before us says there are 326 defaulting revenue collectors, with an indebtedness of twenty millions. "There are," says our contemporary, "many points in which we are ahead of mankind. We have the right to claim that our public officers can, with anything like a fair arrangement of the conditions, out-steal and out-embzzle the world. In this matter we will not abate one jot of our lofty pretensions."

Increasing Wealth.

Deposits in the monetary institutions of a country may be accepted as indicating to some extent its wealth. Judged by this rule Canada is rapidly increasing in realized wealth. The amount of deposits in its banks has reached \$65,000,000. The amount advanced \$6,500,000 in 1869, and \$13,500,000 in 1870.

Area of the Dominion.

With the admission of British Columbia and the two little island provinces of the Atlantic the Dominion of Canada will have an area of 3,127,045 square miles, being 127,197 in excess of the United States of America, or about equal to the United States and China put together.

Last of the Season.

The McClure Street Dancing Academy will give a grand ball at Albion Hall on the evening of the 1st of May. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock, and tickets admitting a gentleman and ladies may be had of members of the Academy.

From the Mainland.

The Enterprize arrived from New Westminster yesterday at 6 p.m., bringing the following passengers: Mrs Threlton, Dr. Glass, Messrs Geo. Cole, Geo. Brooks, Stocker and Gardner. She also brought Bernard's Express from the lower country.

San Juan Island.

The steamer Success, Capt. Coupe, came across from San Juan Island yesterday to take on board a quantity of hospital stores that were brought up by the last steamer from San Francisco. A number of ladies and gentlemen from the American Camp came on the Success.

All members of the Committee of the French Relief Fund

are requested to meet at the Albion Hall this afternoon at 3 o'clock to receive the treasurer's report and to take into consideration the best means to forward the money to France. The concert realized \$508, and the Committee have in hand about \$1200.

Highly Complimentary.

The Card of the passengers by the Grappler to Skeena. Capt. Devereaux may well feel as proud of that testimonial as if it were a ribbon or a medal.

The ground near the Half-way House,

Esquimalt road, is being put in order for the athletic sports on the 1st of May. Entries will be made on the 24th inst.

The Sparrowhawk is expected to return

to Nanaimo this morning. She will visit Nettinet and Barclay Sound during her short cruise.

The failure of Voizin, Ris & Co.,

a leading firm of auctioneers at San Francisco, is reported in our Exclusive Dispatch of last night.

The propeller California sailed from Port-

land for Victoria at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The steamer Emily Harris returned from

Sooke yesterday afternoon.

Capt. E. Stamp.

This gentleman sailed in the California for Victoria last evening.

Cowichan Politics.

Cowichan, April 8, 1871.

Editor British Colonist.

It may be interesting to the readers of the Colonist to know that the quiet settlement of Cowichan and Chemainus, and most likely Salt Spring Island are now enjoying a little political excitement, as there are already several candidates for the next local Parliament in the field. Mr. Morley, our J. P., is said to be one who has been put forward.

Mr. Skinner of Cowichan and Mr. Fry of Chemainus met a few days ago and cut and dried it all right for them to be the men.

"Our member" has been quietly pulling the wires for some time by writing letters to several persons up here suggesting that they are the proper men to have the honor of sitting in the next House. We all expect letters from him in our turn—and of course through his flatterer in this way we shall all vote for him to go to Ottawa, if not to be a home-made Governor, provided he does not overdo the thing in his usual way.

I believe a grand ball is to be given next week by the bachelors of Cowichan.

If we are troubled with politics in a chronic form I shall let you know. COLONIST.

Remember the Fate of Abelalom.

—Fred Payne, Unofficial Artist, Shaving 124 cents their Cutting 25 cents, Shampooing 25 cents that Original Cheap Shaving Shop stand on the sunny side of Johnson street.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Europe.

LONDON, April 18.—A special from Paris to the Daily News says the Commune has 38 millions cash which has been paid by banks for unsold bonds of the city of Paris.

New York, April 18.—Specials from Paris dated yesterday say that at 2 o'clock the two forts and the advanced posts sent in to the Commune the result of the vote of the troops. The urn containing the papers was carried by an officer, who was escorted by Nationals and a procession which was headed by a red flag. There were cries of Vive la Commune.

Paris, April 18.—The Commune discussed the payment of debts due and effected within three years, commencing in quarterly instalments on the 15th July.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, April 18.—Norway rejects the modification of the union with Sweden.

LONDON, April 18.—It is reported the Lutheran inhabitants of the Province of Livonia have petitioned the Russian Government to permit negotiations for the annexation of their province to Russia. The Czar ordered the signers of the petition to leave his dominion on pain of confiscation of their effects.

Eastern States.

New York, April 18.—The Herald's Washington correspondent telegraphs last night that rumors of an immediate change in the Cabinet were again current during the day, and that the understanding is that the President desires to fill the position now occupied by Boutwell with some prominent person age who is favorably known to the country both as a financier and a statesman. The party named in this connection is Sumner. The presence of John A. Griswold and his interview with the President as well as Boutwell, lead some to think that he is the President's choice for the position. There will be a full meeting of the Cabinet to-day and it is probable that several important appointments will be decided upon.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Dion beat Rudolph in the 500 point 3-ball game, French carom, last night in the 108th innings, scoring 500 to Rudolph's 487. There was considerable quarrelling and wrangling during the entire match.

An effort is being made to bring about another match between Joseph Dion and Rudolph. The latter is terribly chagrined at his defeat last night, and is disposed to make any sacrifice to get even.

(BY MAINLAND TELEGRAPH.)

British Columbia.

QUEBEC, April 19.—The following is from the *Cariboo Sentinel* of April 14:—

William Creek.—The Barker company have struck some good pay, washing 47 oz for one day's washing. The Ballarat co last week washed up 70 oz, the Romance of the West co 27 oz, Forest Rose co about the usual pay.

French Creek.—The North American company struck some very good pay in their blind shaft a week ago, and have since been engaged in rigging pumps.

Grouse Creek.—The Tallisman company last week washed up 21 oz from four sets of timbers.

Lightning Creek.—The Lightning co last week took out 376 oz, the Spruce co 94 oz. The Liverpool and El Dorado co's are not doing much. The South Wales co are drifting across the channel and getting a little gold but are not on the bed rock. The Vancouver co expect to break through into the channel.

The Wawinkie co have got in an extra set of pumps and are now raising about 800 gallons per minute. The water in the creek has not increased sufficiently to give them the requisite power. The Victoria co have their machinery nearly completed and intend to commence sinking next week.

Last Chance Creek.—The Clarke co are getting good prospects. They took out 632 oz from a small set of timbers last week.

Anderson Creek.—The Eleven of England co are progressing favorably. They have commenced sinking on bed rock.

Second Dispatch.

Exclusive to the 'Colonist.'

Europe.

PARIS, April 17.—Some of the National Guards having invested the Hotel of the Belgian Embassy, an immediate investigation has been ordered and arrests made.

Menotti Garibaldi has been elected a member of the Commune. The elections were a fiasco—few persons voting.

The Commune has instituted a general Court-Martial.

VERSAILLES, April 17.—Batteries have been established at Bezon against the Insurgents' batteries at Asnieres and Cligny.

Eastern States.

New York, April 17.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Texas Pacific Railroad Company for the purpose of electing Directors, Marshal O. Roberts occupied the chair. A resolution was adopted postponing the election for Directors until a meeting shall have been called by the President. And fifteen days notice shall have been given in the newspapers of Washington, Philadelphia, Memphis and New York. The Treasurer was ordered to invest \$200,000 in government bonds, or make a deposit drawing interest, before the meeting. The Treasurer has issued scrip for 10 per cent per annum on subscribed stock.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—In the House, Mr. Kindale moved to suspend the rules so as to adopt the resolution requesting the President to have the case of Fenian prisoners in Canadian prisons presented to the Joint High Commission with a view of effecting their release. Negatives—yeas 94, nays 60. Less than 2/3 affirmative. A motion to proceed with the business on the Speaker's table was lost. Tuffe introduced a bill authorizing the Legislature of New Mexico to convene on the 1st Monday of December 1870.—Passed.

An application was received to-day at the Treasury Department from St. Petersburg for an agency for the negotiation of the new loan to be established in that city. The application was accompanied by a subscription of 10 millions to loan by house applying for agency.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Democratic members of Congress met again to-night. They met to prepare an address, but not being ready to report they adjourned till to-morrow night; but if Congress should adjourn to-morrow, the Caucus will meet immediately.

It unofficially stated by senators that the President will convene the Senate in executive session about May 15. By which time it is now supposed the Joint High Commission will have concluded its labors.

The General Republican Committee of the District of Columbia waited on the President to-day and presented a resolution adopted by the Republican Convention in favor of the appointment of F. Douglass as Secretary of the New Government, if a vacancy occurs by the election of General Culpmann as Delegate to Congress.

Third Dispatch.

Europe.

PARIS, April 18.—Clusret reports the night quiet.

Dembrowski has advanced.

Valerian is considerably breached, and everything satisfactory.

Several Versailles batteries have been dismantled and attacks repulsed with very small loss.

The morale is excellent.

Lutier commands the fleet and certain northern and eastern railroads.

McMahon's headquarters are at Fontenay.

New York, April 18.—A cable special from Paris says the report that the city about to be invested by the Versailles and Prussians jointly causes great excitement. Barricades on Rue de la Siligiere have been demolished, also the large works erected at Ballenelles, Belleville and Montmartre.

The church of St. Jacques was surrounded to-day by Nationals. The clergy were arrested yesterday. The church of St. Vincent de Paul has been surrounded by Nationals and pillaged. Scarcely a church is open now.

A dispatch from Boulogne says the Communal elections in Paris were a perfect fiasco. Not a tenth of the voters went to the polls.

LONDON, April 18.—The Times' special from Paris says the Prussians will intervene should the Commune be victorious. The Prussians have advanced to Audrevillers.

Their confirms the capture of Chateau Bezon.

The Prussians agree to stop the revictualing of St. Denis.

The Insurgents occupy the greater part of Bis des Colombes, beyond Asnieres.

Bismarck admits the right of McMahon to occupy neutral ground.

Eastern States.

New York, April 18.—A Washington special says the dispatches to the Associated Press, regarding Indian hostilities in New Mexico, says the collision between the troops from Fort Bayard and the Mexican soldiers is entirely discredited.

Fourth Dispatch.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Sailed—Bark Atlanta, Port Gamble, bark Mary Glover, Port Discovery. Arrived—Bark Northwest, Port Madrug, bark Oakhill Port Ludlow.

Wheat—Weaker, rate unchanged. Wheat—More sellers than buyers, choice held at \$2 70 \$2 75. Barley—\$1 82 1/2, range of market \$1 80 \$1 90. Oats—\$1 80 1/2.

Corn—Sale of 16000s good yellow \$2 50. Hay—\$15 00, straw, \$5 00, bran, \$5 00. Middlings, \$10 00. \$2 50; Reit and Cal firkin butter, \$20 25; Cheese, \$10 15; Wool, \$2 00; Provisions, firm.

Yours, Ris & Co. auctioneers, have filed a petition of insolvency. Liability reported in the vicinity of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, assets seventy thousand. Cause of failure—Losses on goods purchased. East and sold here less than cost, charges and bad debts. The ship Golden Gate cleared to-day for Liverpool with breadstuffs.

The Fair case will probably get the jury Friday night or Saturday.

Negotiations are pending for converting the entire valley of San Mateo county, into a grand reservoir over ten miles long, into which it is proposed to turn the waters of all the creeks on the ocean side of the Sierra Morones (or South as Pescadero, the purpose being to provide a constant water for the use of San Francisco during the dry season.

Fifth Dispatch.

Canada.

OTTAWA, April 19.—The Hon Mr. Trutch calls for England by the next steamer of the Canadian line, to try the joint addresses of Canada and British Columbia at the foot of the throne. It is understood in well informed circles that Her Majesty's Government will make provision for those officials whose positions are disturbed by Union.

Oregon.

PORTLAND, April 19.—The steamer California for Victoria and Sound ports sailed at 4 o'clock this afternoon with the following passengers:—James Bryden, Peter Biddle, John F. Brakes, F. M. Willis, J. Vashum, S. D. Crockett, A. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. D. Wigan, W. H. Hayden, A. J. McCue, Joe Dargie, H. Brakes, T. Chapman, H. M. Rapel, R. Stamp, Mr. Chappel and wife, W. H. Stanley, R. McKinn, S. Guthrie & wife, M. D. Dage and 87 in the steerage.

California Letter.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4, 1871.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—I have made arrangements by which the mining news of British Columbia will be telegraphed to the press of San Francisco. The *Alta California* has promised to send a correspondent to Cariboo during the present summer.

Other mining districts in Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and Idaho are constantly before the public, while British Columbia, owing to the want of telegraphic news, has been forgotten and considered as one of the dead and needs an electric shock to bring it to life.

Starting a new company in a country so long looked at as one in which gold was only found during an excitement and was almost forgotten by the mining public, has required more time and hard work than I expected, when I first started to buttress the glorious prospect, a lease of ground four miles long and one mile wide on the richest creek that ever has been found on the continent, on which over forty shafts had been sunk by miners and the ground proven to be rich in gold; that it was estimated a thirty-horse power engine would be sufficient to drain and work the ground to the bed rock; that we intended to double the power so as to be on the safe side; how the ground would yield millions to those who invested. I had overhauled the Library of the Mercantile Institute, collected a pile of books with data and statistics to prove my assertions. I had also collected papers from the old Artesian Company and with other documents I was enabled to make a show and paint in glowing colors how thousands could be made by mining in the William Creek Meadows; and in addition I had the assistance of old Caribooites—Gillette, McLaughlin, Cox, Jeffreys, Pendergast and others, who knew the ground and were willing to vouch for the richness thereof. Other parties who had an interest in mining in Nevada and Utah were not desirous of seeing capital turning into a channel in which they were not interested. My finger was no sooner out of the button-hole than they slipped in with a description of the other side: How a man named McMillan had tried years ago to form a company to work this ground. That it would take a million of dollars to tunnel or drain the ground. What an immense subterranean lake we would have to drain. How the winter was so cold that work could only be done during a few months. Under a foreign Government, impassable roads. Heavy freights. So far from San Francisco that it was folly to throw away money by investing in British Columbia, and such statements were endorsed by one of the residents of Vancouver Island. The greater the opposition the more glorious the victory.

We have several capitalists in San Francisco who invest in no mines unless their own mining expert has reported upon them. Many more who will not invest unless they have seen the mines themselves. Others who go in because their friends are in. Some who only invest after a mine is paying dividends. Some again who will not invest outside of California, and a few who will in-

vest where they think there is a good chance of the mine paying—relying upon their own judgment.

They are watching, and if we win they will see for themselves or send their experts or watch their friends. In such a market it is not an easy task to start capital in a new direction. I have sold mines in New York, Boston and London—with me it has been a specialty—and I never had such a strong opposition as in forming the Lane & Kuriz Cariboo Mining Company.

Eventually we formed and incorporated the company and the outside pressure then became less. To-day they ask me questions: Will the mines pay? Will the Government of British Columbia encourage the investment of capital? The law passed by the Legislature remitting tolls and duties has aided us more than the dollars and cents saved to the company, for it has shown conclusively that the Government desires and will encourage the investment of foreign capital in the colony.

Let our company meet with success and show that money can be made, and others will have less difficulty to encounter than I have had. Success will bring capital to develop the mineral resources of British Columbia.

Several of the mining capitalists will this summer visit and examine for themselves the mines of Cariboo or anything else that promises good investment, among whom will be George Hearst, the Vice President of the company, Col. Fogg, L. W. Greenwell, John Kuriz and others who feel an interest in the future prosperity of British Columbia.

A contract has been made for the removal of the machinery to Cariboo, erection of the same and sinking the shaft to bed-rock—George Hearst and myself being the contractors. I expect to have steam up on July 4th. I shall return by the Portland steamer of the 18th, and on my arrival will push ahead as fast as possible.

Yours truly, C. O. LANE.

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